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**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate that claims 2 can be allowed, and claims 1, 3, 5-13 and 15-22 would be allowable if they are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have accordingly amended claim 1, 3, and 15 to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

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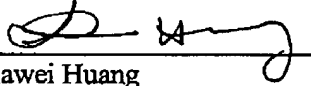
**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-22 of the invention are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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